Oswald Mexico

Top KGB agent breaks silence after 30 years & reveals:

Oswald did NOT act alone in JFK assassination

A deranged Lee Harvey Oswald, armed with a handgun, stormed into the Russian Embassy in Mexico City and demanded entry to the Soviet Union only eight weeks before John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Oswald said he "was going to be killed" and needed to hide out. After the assassination, Soviet intelligence officials recalled his weird behavior and concluded he was too unbalanced to have carried out the President's murder alone.

EXCLUSIVE ENQUIRER INTERVIEW

The ENQUIRER obtained previously unknown details of the embassy visit in an exclusive interview with Gen. Nikolai Leonov, a former top member of the KGB — and the man who encountered Oswald that day in 1963.

Breaking a 30-year silence, Leonov revealed that Oswald was "scared to death" during the meeting and was convinced Russia was the only place he'd be safe from spies he said were pursuing him.

"Given his mental and emotional state, it would have been impossible for him to carry out an assassination of such precision.

"He couldn't have acted alone," said Leonov, former chief of the KGB's intelligence analysis section.

Back in the early 1960s, Leonov was an intelligence officer stationed at the Russian Embassy in Mexico City.

On Sunday, Sept. 29, 1963, an embassy guard told Leonov that an American was at the front gate. Leonov agreed to see the man in case he was offering secret documents.

Oswald rushed in and Leonov recalled: "When we shook hands, I could feel that his hand was shaking and wet with sweat.

"He introduced himself as Lee Harvey Oswald and I took him to a small interview room where he said immediately, 'I want to go to the Soviet Union. I want to live there forever.'

"He said he was in danger and was being pursued by people he couldn't name. He was quite clearly in terror."

Leonov explained that Oswald would have to fill out an application for admission to the Soviet Union but it would be at least four months before he received an answer.

With that, Oswald shouted: "That's impossible. I can't wait that long. I'm going to be killed!"

Oswald was convinced two people were spying on him at the hotel he was staying at in Mexico City. One was a maid he'd caught searching his belongings, the other was a desk clerk.

Leonov calmed the distraught visitor down and gave him the application to fill out but Oswald erupted again, screaming: "I can't wait four months."

Without warning, Oswald pulled a revolver out of his left pants pocket and waved it around as he threatened to kill the maid and the desk clerk. Leonov saw the gun was loaded and was terrified Oswald was going to shoot him.

"I explained there was no way he could go to the Soviet Union immediately," the former KGB officer said. "He exploded, shouting, 'You're just a lousy bureaucrat.'

"He stood, picked up the application and tore it into little pieces.

"Then, to my relief, he shoved the gun back in his pocket and told me he was going to try the Cuban Embassy.

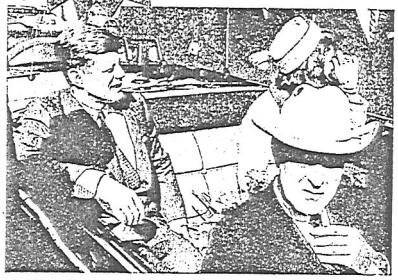
"I gave him directions and accompanied him to the gate."

Leonov reported details of the incident to his superiors in Moscow. When Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963, and Oswald was arrested, Leonov realized he was the man he'd met.

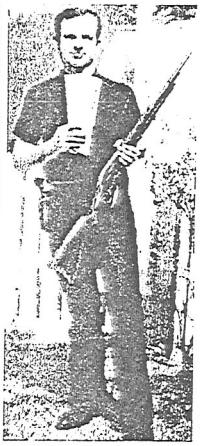
The former KGB chief feels nothing he could have done would have saved Kennedy and believes Oswald was a dupe. "Soviet intelligence never doubted that Oswald was manipulated by conspirators," he said.

"This poor, ill man was a puppet."

— DAVID WRIGHT



PRESIDENT John F. Kennedy and First Lady Jackie in the motorcade just before fatal shooting. Texas Governor John Connally is in front of them.



ACCUSED KILLER Lee Harvey Oswald poses with the alleged murder weapon before assassination.

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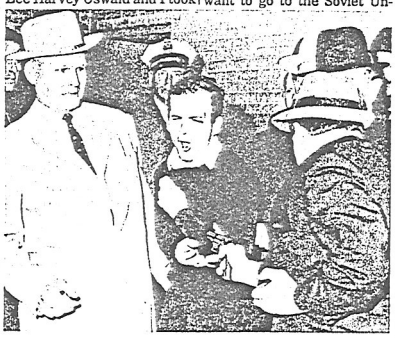

OSWALD is gunned down by Jack Ruby as he is being transferred to the Dallas County Jail.

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If you would understand men, study women.

— French proverb

Labor of love: An office romance can help your job performance

A romance in the workplace can actually HELP your job performance!

That's the startling finding of a researcher at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Communications professor James Dillard interviewed 100 people ranging from lifeguards to lawyers, some of whom were involved in romances on the job, others who were just observers of affairs. He found that in most cases, people involved in relationships with co-workers continue to do their jobs with little noticeable difference. But if there is a change, "They are far more likely to improve than they are to decline in performance."

Dillard believes that some amorous employees try to impress their sweethearts by working harder. Others, concerned about the reaction of bosses to the romance, may put in longer hours to deflect criticism.